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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

1. PURSUANT TO STANDING POLICY, GOC WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR PRESS ACCOMPANYING VICE PRESIDENT AND THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER VISIT BUT NOT ACCOMPANYING. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE BY BUS.
2. GOC WILL ALSO ACCREDIT PRESS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH ALL NEEDED DOCUMENTATION FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE AND ACCESS TO EVENTS.
3. PRESS WILL BE LODGED AT CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL IN OTTAWA.
4. GOC PLANS NO ENTERTAINMENT FOR PRESS.
5. GOC EXPECTS US SIDE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING SUPPORT TO AMERICAN PRESS:

A. ACCOMMODATION AT CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL (SEE SEPTTEL - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCOMMODATION).

B. ALL COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS EXTRA TELEPHONE LINES AND TELEX (FROM CANADA, WITH US PRESS FILES BY PHONE).

C. PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS CONFERENCES IN ALL

CITIES.

6. EMBASSY NEEDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASAP FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS BETWEEN USIS OFFICERS AND PRESS OFFICERS OF DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF) AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE:

A. WILL MEMBER OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESS OFFICE OFFICE BE INCLUDED IN ADVANCE PARTY?

B. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRESS ACCOMPANYING VICE PRESIDENT AND WHETHER THEY WILL BE ABOARD VICE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE OR ON SEPARATE AIRCRAFT. AT LATER DATE WE WILL NEED COMPLETE LIST OF NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS ALL PRESS ACCOMPANYING. FYI: 60 ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL FOR PRESS AND OFFICIAL PARTY. END FYI.

C. WILL SEPARATE GROUP OF PRESS BE ACCOMPANYING MRS. MONDALE ON HER SCHEDULE DURING VISIT? IF SO, WE WILL NEED SEPARATE LIST OF PRESS ACCOMPANYING FOR THIS PURPOSE. GOC PRESS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION URGENTLY.

D. DO YOU WISH US TO BEGIN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS FACILITIES AT CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL AND AT EDMONTON? IF SO, WISH TO KNOW WHETHER YOU WILL REQUIRE LARGE PRESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROOM WITH TELEVISION CAPABILITY PLUS SMALLER BRIEFING ROOM. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SUCH PRESS ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE AT EXPENSE OF US SIDE.

E. FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES, WE REQUEST PERMISSION TO RESERVE IMMEDIATELY PRESS BRIEFING ROOM OPERATED BY PARLIAMENTARY PRESS GALLERY FOR MORNING OF JANUARY 17. THIS IS LARGE, SUPERBLY OUTFITTED ROOM LOCATED IN CANADIAN NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING, TWO BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY AND OPPOSITE PARLIAMENT. IT IS TV/RADIO CAPABLE AND HAS SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION SYSTEM. SHOULD THIS ROOM NOT BE REQUIRED, WE CAN NOTIFY PARLIAMENTARY PRESS GALLERY AT ANY TIME.

F. WILL MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESS OFFICE ACCOMPANY VICE PRESIDENT THROUGHOUT VISIT, AND WILL SPOKESMAN/BRIEFER FOR VICE PRESIDENT BE DESIGNATED? GOC DESIRES NAME AND RANK OF THIS INDIVIDUAL ASAP.

G. ASSUME ALL TV REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THEMSELVES FOR FEEDING TAPE OR TRANSPORTING FILM TO US NETWORK END-USERS. IS THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT?

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